

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 7-1-69

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: GORDON D. NOVEL  
REPORTED ALLEGATIONS AGAINST AGENTS  
PERSONNEL MATTER

On the afternoon of June 30, 1969, [redacted] an attorney with offices at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephone [redacted] telephoned the Bureau and spoke with SA [redacted] Crime Records Division.

[redacted] stated he is representing the publishers of "Playboy" magazine in a lawsuit brought against "Playboy" and New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison by Gordon D. Novel who he believes now resides in Reno, Nevada, or Columbus, Ohio. He stated Novel was run out of New Orleans by Garrison and that Novel is supposedly engaged in wiretapping and similar activities. [redacted] advised he has taken a deposition from Novel in which Novel made many grandiose and flamboyant statements including allegations against two FBI Agents whom he identified as SAs [redacted]. [redacted] did not specify what the allegations are, stating he merely wished to learn the current location of the two Agents mentioned so that he can interview the Agents and possibly secure depositions from them to be used in the lawsuit. [redacted] was given no information but was informed that he would be subsequently contacted relative to his inquiry.

Bureau personnel records reflect SA [redacted] is currently assigned to the Washington Field Office having been transferred there from New Orleans on 9-17-67. SA [redacted] is assigned to the New Orleans Office [redacted]

Bufiles contain numerous references to Gordon D. Novel who fled the State of Louisiana to avoid a subpoena by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison in the Kennedy assassination conspiracy trial (62-109060). Novel has furnished some information to the Bureau regarding Garrison's activities which he publicly denounced as a fraud. Novel has also been accused of impersonating a CIA Agent and the Cleveland and Cincinnati Offices are currently conducting an investigation to determine if a violation of the impersonation statute has been committed by Novel (47-54291). Bufiles also reflect that in February, 1969, Novel reportedly sued the Ohio Bell Telephone Company for one million dollars charging that his telephone was tapped (139-3161).

Chicago Attorney [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles.

1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Personnel File of SA [redacted]  
1 - Personnel File of SA [redacted]

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M. A. Jones to Bishop memo  
RE: Gordon D. Novel

RECOMMENDATION:

Authority be granted to telephonically instruct SAC, Chicago, to have Attorney [ ] promptly interviewed to determine specifically what allegations have been made against Bureau personnel after which a decision can be made relative to [ ] request for the location, etc., of SAs [ ] and [ ].

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*Being done*  
*7/11*  
*✓*  
*Right. I am not inclined*  
*to have our AGs make any*  
*depositions. Said Garrison*  
*& "Playboy".*  
*TEB*  
*JRH*  
*OK*

ADDENDUM:

7-2-69 CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

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ASAC, Chicago, instructed per recommendation 7-1-69. On 7-2-69 ASAC, Chicago, reported that Attorney [ ] interviewed, was most cooperative but advised deposition is 1,300 pages long requiring eight days to take. He is currently compiling a brief on it and will provide the Bureau a copy of the deposition flagging references to FBI scattered throughout the document. Work involved will require until Monday, 7-7-69, to complete. Chicago instructed to promptly forward deposition to Bureau, Attention: Administrative Division.

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